

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

CITY OF AIKEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 214 PARK AVENUE, SW., AIKEN, S. C.

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 18, 2005 – 7:00 P. M.

(A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young
Scott Singer
LaWana McKenzie
Chuck Smith
Eddie Butler
Charles Barton
Gary Bunker
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Council Members absent:

Kathy Rawls

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator
Robert M. Bell, County Attorney
Chris Ceasar, Public Information Officer

(B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Bunker led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 21, 2004 Worksession
2. December 21, 2004 Regular Meeting
3. January 4, 2005 Regular Meeting

a. Councilman Butler made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Singer seconded.

b. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

(E) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

a. Councilman Butler made a motion to amend and approve the agenda as follows:

1. Delete Consent Item 6.
2. To amend Consent Item 12 - To request the Comptroller General to grant an extension of time.

3. Add Consent Item 13 – Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Council Chairman to Remove or Rescind a Declared State of Emergency in Aiken County Related to the Train Derailment and Chemical Spill in Graniteville, South Carolina on January 6, 2005.
- b. Councilman Singer seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved by majority vote with Councilman Hightower voting in opposition.

(F) AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Proposed Resolution Expressing Appreciation to Mr. Rick Osbon for His Service to Aiken County as Councilmember from District 7 from January 1, 1997 Through December 31, 2004.
(County Council)
 - a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion for the approval. Councilman Hightower seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(G) OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Lease with the United States Government for a 4.39 Acre Site at the Savannah River Research Campus for the Construction of a Building for the United States Forestry Service.
(Administrative Committee) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Butler moved for the adoption. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(H) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts 1, 2, and 6.
(Rawls, Singer, Barton)
2. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non Profit Agencies from the FY 2005 Council Contingency Fund.
(County Council)
3. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance of ZEL Engineers, Inc, of Augusta, GA as the Design Engineer for the Next 1.75 Miles (Perron Garvin Road) of the Sales Tax Program.
(Development Committee)
4. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. of Columbia, SC, as the Design Engineer for the Next 1.70 Miles (Union Hill Road and Snipes Road) of the Sales Tax Program.
(Development Committee)

5. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Construction of Phases II and III of Nicholson Village Park from Sales Tax Funds, with the Funding to be Advanced from Other County Sources Until the Sales Tax is Collected in Future Years.
(Hightower)
6. **DELETED**
7. Proposed Resolution to Accept the Donation of a Portion of Tax Parcel 00-344.0-01-102 on Roy Street in Wagener for the Construction of the Listine Gunter Courtney Human Services Building in Wagener, South Carolina.
(Rawls)
8. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Solicitor's Office to Apply for a Grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Juvenile Justice Programs to Continue Funding a Juvenile Services Investigator.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
9. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Grant from the South Carolina Counter Terrorism Coordinating Council for a Communications Trailer and Associated Equipment.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
10. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the County Administrator to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the South Carolina Office of Rural Health for the Rural Access to Emergency Devices Program.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
11. Proposed Resolution to Ratify a Declaration of Emergency Issued After the Train Derailment Resulting in the Spilling and Leakage of Hazardous Chemicals and Materials in Graniteville, South Carolina on January 6, 2005.
(County Council)
12. Proposed Resolution to Request that the Comptroller General of South Carolina Grant an Extension of Time for the Payment of Real Property Taxes for the Citizens of Graniteville, South Carolina Who Live Within the One Mile Evacuation Radius.
(County Council) **(AMENDED)**
13. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Remove or Rescind a Declared State of Emergency in Aiken County Related to the Train Derailment and Chemical Spill in Graniteville, South Carolina on January 6, 2005.
(ADDITION)
 - a. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - b. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(I) NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commission and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from District At-Large.
(Young)
 - a. Councilman Hightower moved for the adoption. Councilman Butler seconded.

- b. Passed by unanimous vote with no appointments being made.
- 2. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commission and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from District 3.
(McKenzie)
 - a. Councilman Bunker moved for the adoption. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded and the following appointments were made:
 - 1. Historical Commission – Ann Diamond
 - 2. Library Board of Trustees – Louisa Gregory
 - 3. Planning Commission – Donald Toole
 - 4. Recreation Commission – Pepper Coleman
 - b. The appointments were approved by unanimous vote.
- 3. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commission and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from District 4.
(Smith)
 - a. Councilman Hightower moved for the adoption. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote with no appointments being made.
- 4. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commission and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from District 7.
(Bunker)
 - a. Councilman Smith moved for the adoption. Councilman Bunker seconded and made the following appointments:
 - 1. Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission – Reverend Douglas Slaughter
 - 2. Economic Development Board – Tom Coons
 - 3. Emergency Services Commission – Mark Humphreville
 - 4. Historical Commission – Joyce Ross
 - 5. Library Board of Trustees – Diane Giddings
 - 6. Planning Commission – Andrew Marine
 - 7. Recreation Commission – Dennis Saylor
 - 8. Tax Review Board – Chad Matthews
 - b. The appointments were approved by unanimous vote.

5. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commission and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from District 8.
(Hightower)

a. Councilwoman McKenzie moved for the adoption. Councilman Hightower seconded and made the following appointments:

1. Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission – Henry Craig
2. Board of Adjustments and Appeals – William Gingrey
3. Economic Development Board – William McGhee, Jr.
4. Emergency Services Commission – Dr. Hugh Leavens
5. Historical Commission – Charles Mitchell
6. Library Board of Trustees – Jane Tuten
7. Mattie C. Hall Health Care Commission – Ruth Ashe
8. Planning Commission – Lindsey Williams
9. Recreation Commission – Dennis Harrison
10. Tax Review Board – Joseph Sabino

b. The appointments were approved by unanimous vote.

6. Proposed Resolution to Appoint Members to the Animal Control Advisory Committee.
(County Council)

a. Councilman Singer made a motion for the approval. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.

b. Passed by unanimous vote with no appointments being made.

7. Proposed Resolution to Appoint an Assistant Council Clerk.
(Administrative Committee)

a. Councilman Butler moved for the adoption. Councilman Singer seconded.

b. Ms. Chris Ceasar was appointed as the Assistant Council Clerk by unanimous vote.

(J) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. Fiscal Year 2005 Aiken County Contingency Report as of January 5, 2005.

(K) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

- a. On behalf of Council, Councilwoman McKenzie expressed appreciation to Sheriff Mike Hunt, Mr. Killian and the countless number of County employees and volunteers that assisted in the recent train incident in Graniteville.

- b. Councilman Bunker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- c. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote.

(L) ADJOURNMENT – 7:25 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman